



Ten Ways Parents Can Prevent Sexual Violence

- 1. Have a child headed for daycare?** Check out the [“Nine Questions Parents Need to Ask When Selecting a Program for their Child”](#) at [Stop It Now!](#)
- 2. Have a son/daughter in the midst of a college search?** Check out the [SAFER website](#) to find helpful questions about sexual violence prevention that you can ask on campus tours.
- 3. Take the “birds and the bees” talk to the next level.** Talk to your son or daughter about sex *and* healthy relationships. You can find printable talking tips at [Stop It Now!](#) and age-appropriate conversation tips at the [Jacob Wetterling Resource Center](#).
- 4. Use movies and television shows to talk about healthy and unhealthy boundaries.** Talk about how boys and girls are depicted and point out appropriate and inappropriate ways of inter-acting.
- 5. Be a caring adult in the lives of your child’s friends.** Get to know them and let them know you’ll be a sounding board for them if they need to talk. It’s important for kids to have other adults in their lives that they can trust.



6. **Contact your [local sexual assault program](#) and ask them how you and/or a group of your colleagues could help them in their prevention efforts.** Ask them for information about response and prevention to display around your workplace or neighborhood.

7. **Ask your [representatives](#) to support the Violence Prevention Education Act**, which establishes a violence prevention curriculum for grades K-12 and the [Safe and Supportive Minnesota Schools Act](#), which requires all Minnesota school districts to adopt policies to protect all students.

8. **Ask your [representatives](#) for increased state and federal funding for rape crisis centers and sexual violence prevention.**

9. **Check out the [Advocates for Youth Suggested Reading List](#)**, where you can find parenting tips for effectively communicating with your kids.

10. **Check out Search Institute's [40 Developmental Assets](#)** to explore the building blocks of healthy development that